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1. PRINCE SULTAN HAS BEEN OUT THE KINGDOM FOR SEVERAL WEEKS NOW. HOWEVER, CHUSMTM, WHO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SENIOR MODA OFFICIALS, INFORMS US THAT MODA STILL VERY MUCH WANTS A US SURVEY GROUP TO BEGIN WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WE REQUEST, THEN, THAT THE WHEELS BE SET IN MOTION TO ORGANIZE A TEAM AND HAVE IT ARRIVE IN THE KINGDOM DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1977.

3. THEY SHOULD CARRY WITH THEM AN LOA COVERING THEIR MINIMUM TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS AT STANDARD RATES IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT USMTM WILL PROVIDE IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORT,
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BILLETS, AND MEALS AT USMTM MESS FACILITIES. THE LOA SHOULD ALSO SPECIFY THAT MODA AGREES TO PERMIT COMPLETE FREEDOM TO VISIT ALL POINTS ALONG BOTH COASTS AS WELL AS ALL AREA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS AND MAJOR TROOP UNITS/AIR BASES/NAVAL BASES AND TO INTERVIEW KEY MILITARY PERSONNEL AT EACH IN ORDER TO GAIN AN APPRECIATION BOTH OF THE COASTS TO BE

DEFENDED AND OF THE PRESENT AND PROJECTED FORCES AVAILALBE
FOR THE DEFENSE.

4. EARLY FEBRUARY ARRIVAL IS NECESSARY BOTH TO DEMONSTRATE A
PROMPT RESPONSE TO SULTAN'S STATED URGENCY AND TO INSURE
CONSULTATION WITH THE COAST GUARD SURVEY TEAM. WE RECOG-
NIZE THAT THE TWO ARE ON SEPARATE MISSIONS AND THAT THE
COAST GUARD WOULD BE INVOLVED ONLY TANGENTIALLY IN COASTAL
DEFENSE. NEVERTHELESS, THE COAST GUARD WILL HAVE AN INHERENT
INVOLVEMENT AT LEAST IN VURVEILLANCE AND REPORTING, AND THE
SURVEY TEAM WILL INEVITABLY HAVE ACQUIRED VALUABLE INFOR-
MATION ABOUT THE HYDROGRAPHIC SITUATION ALONG THE COASTS.

5. CHUSMTM SUGGESTS THAT THE TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF O-5'S
WITH AN O-6 CHIEF AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) USN-EXPERIENCED IN SURFACE-TO-SURFACE ANTI-SHIP MISSILES
AND AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE.
- (2) USMC-AMPHIBIOUS EXPERT. EITHER USN OR USMC MEMBER
SHOULD ALSO HAVE A BACKGROUND IN HYDROGRAPHY.
- (3) USAF, USN, OR USMC-FIGHTER PILOT WITH EXPERTISE IN
WEAPONS EFFECTS (MAVERICK, LGB CBU) AGAINST SHIPS.
- (4) USA-AIRBORNE QUALIFIED WITH A BACKGROUND IN COMBINED-
ARMS OPERATIONS AND SERVICE IN A MECHANIZED INFANTRY UNIT.

6. TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD BE SELECTED FROM WHATEVER SOURCE,
(INCLUDING EUCOM) IS MOST READILY AVAILABLE AT LEAST
COST. THEY WILL BE AUGMENTED IN COUNTRY BY AT LEAST THREE
USMTM PERSONNEL TO WORK WITH THEM FULL TIME.
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